

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

MITCHELL KEITH GOODRUM,

Plaintiff

v.

PAUL HUBRSBRUN,

Defendant

Case No.: 3:24-cv-00008-ART -CSD

Order

Re: ECF No.

Plaintiff is an inmate in the custody of Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC), and he has filed a pro se civil rights complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. (ECF No. 1-1.)

The Local Rules of Practice for the District of Nevada provide: “Any person who is unable to prepay the fees in a civil case may apply to the court for authority to proceed *in forma pauperis* (IFP). The application must be made on the form provided by the court and must include a financial affidavit disclosing the applicant’s income, assets, and liabilities.” LSR 1-1. When a prisoner seeks to proceed without prepaying the filing fee, in addition to filing the affidavit, the prisoner is required to submit a certified copy of the trust fund account statement (or institutional equivalent) for the six-month period immediately preceding the filing of the complaint. The statement must be obtained from the appropriate official at the prison or detention facility where the prisoner is or was confined. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2).

When a prisoner brings a civil action IFP, the prisoner is still required to pay the full amount of the filing fee. The court is required to assess, and when funds exist, collect an initial partial payment of 20 percent of the greater of: (A) the average monthly deposits in the prisoner’s account or (B) the average monthly balance in the prisoner’s account for the six-month period immediately preceding the filing of the complaint. Thereafter, whenever the

1 prisoner's account exceeds \$10, the prisoner must make monthly payments of 20 percent of the
2 preceding month's income credited to the prisoner's account until the filing fees are paid. The
3 funds are to be forwarded by the agency having custody of the prisoner. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1),
4 (2).

5 For actions filed on or after December 1, 2023, the filing fee is \$405 (the \$350 filing fee
6 and \$55 administrative fee). If an inmate does not qualify for IFP status, he must pay the full
7 \$405 filing fee. If the inmate qualifies for IFP status, the \$55 administrative fee is waived, and
8 the inmate will only pay the \$350 filing fee over time.

9 Plaintiff's complaint was not accompanied by an IFP application and the required
10 documentation for an inmate. On January 4, 2024, the court issued an order giving Plaintiff 30
11 days to file a completed IFP application, including the financial certificate and trust fund account
12 statement indicating his balances for the past six months. (ECF No. 3.)

13 On February 6, 2024, Plaintiff filed an IFP application. (ECF No. 4.) The caption on the
14 IFP application is incorrect as it reflects the wrong defendant. The financial certificate is dated
15 October 19, 2023. The trust fund account statement covers the period of time from April 2023
16 through October 2023. It does not reflect Plaintiff's balances for the previous six months.
17 Therefore, the IFP application will be denied without prejudice, and Plaintiff will be given one
18 final opportunity to submit a complete IFP application for an inmate with the correct documents.

19 CONCLUSION

20 Plaintiff's incomplete IFP application (ECF No. 4) is **DENIED WITHOUT**
21 **PREJUDICE.**

22 The Clerk shall **SEND** Plaintiff a copy of the instructions and application to proceed IFP
23 for an inmate. Plaintiff has **30 days** from the date of this Order to either file his completed IFP

1 application or pay the full \$405 filing fee. The application must be accompanied by all of the
2 required documents, including:

3 (a) the completed application to proceed IFP for an inmate on the court's
4 approved form (i.e., pages 1-3 with the inmate's two signatures on page 3);

5 (b) a financial certificate properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail
6 official (i.e., page 4 of the court's approved form); and

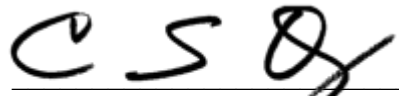
7 (c) a copy of the inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the
8 previous six-month period.

9 Once Plaintiff has filed his completed IFP application and financial certificate or paid the
10 filing fee, the court will screen the complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B) or 28 U.S.C.
11 § 1915A, or both. Both require dismissal of a complaint, or any portion thereof, that is frivolous
12 or malicious, fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, or seeks monetary relief
13 against a defendant who is immune from such relief. If the complaint is dismissed on screening,
14 there will be no refund of the filing fee, and an inmate proceeding IFP is still required to pay the
15 \$350 filing fee over time.

16 If Plaintiff fails to timely file a completed IFP application, updated financial certificate
17 and up to date trust fund account statement reflecting his balances for the previous six months, or
18 pay the filing fee, the court will recommend dismissal of this action without prejudice.

19 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

20 Dated: April 9, 2024

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22 Craig S. Denney
23 United States Magistrate Judge